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**Reply Under 37 CFR §1.111  
INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Sir,

In response to the Official Office Action mailed January 26, 2004 and having a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply, please enter the following amendment to the above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration or further examination of the claimed invention and consideration of the remarks herein. Applicants' representative thanks Examiner Pasterczyk for the brief phone interview clarifying the office action. This response includes the substance of that interview.

Enclosed herewith is a terminal disclaimer with regard to U.S. Patent 6,235,673.

Please amend the Abstract as indicated below.

Please cancel claim 14 without prejudice. Please amend claims 1-13 and 15-17 as indicated below.